

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Rita Barger (health issues)

Lucy Dillon (health issues)

Lorna Foster (rehabilitating at home from shoulder replacement)

Hamp Langdon (health issues)

Bob Myers (heart issues)

Rosalie Nicholson (recuperating at home from breast cancer surg. and will begin radiation therapy on July 15, 2020)

Skip Smith (recuperating from surg.)

Rodgers White (health issues)

Millie Vernon (health issues)

Friends & Family:

Briggs Rebecca Huminski (daughter—back in ICU at Baptist Hosp.)

Conrad Dave Hoppes (son-in-law—massive seizure and cardiac arrest—ICU in California.
Also, he only has one kidney and is on daily dialysis)

Hodges Jerry Merrit (fell down steps—in ICU at Cone Hosp.)

S. Sharp Dick Pauley (Ambassador at PTI—ICU with health issues)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

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July 12, 2020—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

People: *We have committed ourselves to follow the light. We come now to be instructed by God's law.*

Leader: Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God. Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.

People: *We reach out for more than we can see and hear. We long to know Love's embrace deep within.*

Leader: The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead. That spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.

People: *We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope. God cares for the earth and for each one of us.*

All: *Let us worship God!*

*HYMN NO. 620

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"
(Psalm 103)

LAUDA ANIMA

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we know you understand us more deeply than we understand ourselves. You know how much the cares of this life weigh us down. Our thoughts and actions are often very shortsighted. We take so much for granted, failing to value the wonder of life all around us, the gift of family and friends, the amazing reality of your Spirit dwelling in us. We want to be like good soil, receiving the seed of your word with understanding that nourishes roots of trust and joy. Free us from all that keeps us from bearing fruit for you. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. As disciples of Jesus, we have the opportunity to grow in understanding and in the joy of serving others in Christ's name. The Spirit of life sets us free from our narrow concerns to celebrate the good within and around us. Life is transformed by our new attitude of gratitude. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 119:105-112

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

"Sowing Seeds"

Rev. John Pruitt

SENDING

*HYMN NO. 171

"A Sower Came from Ancient Hills"

SEACHRIST

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN NO. 451

"Open My Eyes, That I May See"

OPEN MY EYES

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

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